## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

Claims 1-20 (cancelled).

Claim 21 (new) A universal rake ridge cap, the universal rake-ridge cap comprising:

a first surface having a first edge and a second edge:

a second surface having a first edge and a second edge,

at least one stepped arcuate surface intersecting said first surface and said second surface at said second edge of said first surface and said first edge of said second surface;

an arcuate surface that intersects said first edge of said first surface and is orthogonal thereto;

a backside demarked by a series of radially extending lines and a series of tangentially extending lines, said radially extending lines and said tangential extending lines numerically marked to correspond to a roof pitch of a home to which said cap shall be attached:

wherein in an initial state prior to installation on said home, said cap is adapted to be cut to conform to any roof pitch; and upon installation said cap has been cut along the tangentially extending lines and the radially extending lines that correspond to the roof pitch.

Claim 22 (new) A joint comprising the cap of claim 21 covering a gap defined between two adjoining rake members.

Claim 23 (new) The ridge cap of claim 21, wherein upon installation said cap adjoins a soffit.

Claim 24 (new) A joint comprising the cap of claim 22 covering a gap defined between two adjoining rake members.

Claim 25 (new) The edge cap of claim 21, wherein the stepped arcuate surface corresponds with an arcuate surface defined by the rake members.

Claim 26 (new) The joint of claim 22, wherein said joint is part of a gable roof assembly.

Claim 27 (new) The joint of claim 22, wherein said rake members have a stepped thinwalled cross-sectional profile.

Claim 28 (new) The cap of claim 21, wherein the cap includes a plurality of stepped arcuate surfaces adapted to correspond with an equal number of stepped surfaces of adjoining rake members for defining a joint that is part of a gable roof assembly.